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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council Meeting Meeting Minutes

A Regular Meeting open to the public, was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 beginning at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Northland Pioneer College, Learning Center Room 111, 1611 South Main Street, Snowflake, Arizona 85937.

Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order

Vice Chair Meyer called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. Members present were Vice Chair Meyer, Claude Endfield, Kirk Grugel, Betsy Peck, and telephonically Kristalei Baskins, Nestor Montoya and Cathy Taylor. Members absent: Chair Mannis, Jeffrey Northup, Margie Tapia and Linda Thompson.

There were seven members of the public and five FTF staff present.

Member Report and Updates

Vice Chair Meyer asked for any reports or updates from members. Member Endfield reported that the agenda for the Early Childhood Fair is almost ready. There will be several attendees from area high schools and they are still looking for nominations for Early Childhood Educator award. Vice Chair Meyer reported on the Chair/Vice Chair meeting she attended at the Early Childhood Summit Conference. She said there was a lot of information about Quality First, the new core messaging and funding plans.

Call to the Public

Jennifer Hernandez with Expect More Arizona, a non-profit advocating to better prepare students for post-secondary education and career training. EMA would like to partner with FTF and they also provide parent education workshops, Vote for Education campaign, and training for parents, school personnel and others for better understanding of common core.

Disclosure of Conflicts

Vice Chair Meyer asked for disclosure of conflicts. Conflicts were received for agenda items 6 and 8 from members Endfield, Peck, and Meyer.

Presentation, Discussion and Approval of August 14, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Meyer asked for a motion for the August Regular Meeting minutes. Member Endfield moved to approve the August 14, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Member Peck seconded, motion passed.

Presentation, Discussion and Approval of August 14, 2013 Executive Session Minutes

Vice Chair Meyer tabled this agenda item because there was a lack of quorum with the disclosed conflicts.

Presentation on Summit Healthcare Midwifery Scope of Practice

Vice Chair Meyer tabled this agenda item as Dr. Northup was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

Review, Discussion and Possible Approval of Reporting Questions for Community-Based Development Early Care Education Professionals SFY14 Strategy

Vice Chair Meyer tabled this agenda item because there was a lack of quorum with the disclosed conflicts.

Regional Funding Plan – Review Process, Strategies, and Progress

Northeast Senior Director Virginia Turner reviewed the upcoming funding plan process with the Council. She said that the Allocations for SFY2015, as well as the final carry forward numbers from SFY2013 will be finalized by the State Board at their meeting October 1, 2013. At the October 9, 2013 meeting the Council will work with the Playbook and Quality First planning tool, and work through the funding amounts and target service units for each of the strategies. At the November 13, 2013 Regular Meeting the Council will approve the line by line funding plan and TSU's.

Senior Director Turner presented the funding playbook with projected carry forward and allocation numbers. She went through each of the strategies in order to provide the Council with information as to how the strategies as envisioned by the Council in their SFY13

through SFY15 three year plan as well as the work the Council has done in SFY2014 and the changes to the Quality First matrix affect those numbers. Senior Director Turner went on to show the Council the SFY14 through SFY16 projected allocations and carry forward figures and explained that adding strategies should be considered during the Council's upcoming 3 year planning process which will begin in spring of 2014.

Quality First Budget Matrix with SFY2015 Costs

Senior Director Turner shared a matrix that show what some of the numbers associated with the Quality First Model changes are going to look like. The changes will be effective in SFY2015. The changes will bring the funding levels for Quality First Scholarships up to actual costs. There will be only 4 scholarship funding levels down from over 216 current funding levels. The Quality First Planning tool will be ready for use in conjunction with the funding plan process beginning in October 2013. Senior Director Turner provided additional information on other changes such as buy-in opportunities, that FTF is developing, that may be available in future years.

SFY2015 Communications Plan Presentation and Update

The Navajo/Apache Community Outreach Coordinator, Michelle Pansulla, gave a power point presentation to the council that introduces the new communications plan including the new core messaging, logo and branding, and the new Quality First Website, www.QualityFirstAZ.com.

Regional Director's Report

Community Awareness and Media SFY2015 Costs

Senior Director Turner said that the Community Awareness and Media is recommended to be level funded for SFY15, unless the Council provides direction to change the funding amount.

Financial Reports

Senior Director Turner presented the monthly financial reports. She said there are a few discrepancies in reported expenditures that are being investigated, but other than that everything is on track.

FTF Summit Travel Expenses

Kathy Bunker, FTF administrative assistant reported that she has received the expense receipts or has been in contact to receive from all of the members who attended the Early Childhood Summit.

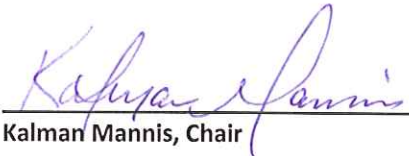
General Discussion

Vice Chair Meyer asked if there was any general discussion. Senior Director Turner thanked the Council members for the time they take to continue the work for the children in the region.

Adjourn – next meeting scheduled for October 9, 2013 in Springerville

Vice Chair Meyer requested a motion to adjourn. Member Grugel moved to adjourn, Member Peck seconded, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

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